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§12.2 Vectors

linear shifts of vectors are equivalent, "same vector"
ie same "direction & magnitude"

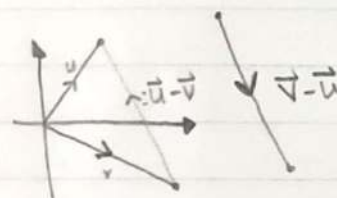
$|\vec{v}|$: magnitude of \vec{v}

easily found by d formula

Direction of Vectors?

Vector Operations:

1. taking magnitude $\vec{v} \mapsto \mathbb{R} \geq 0$
2. adding vectors $\vec{v}_s \mapsto \vec{v}$ (tip to tail)
3. subtracting vectors $\vec{v}_s \mapsto \vec{v}$ (tip to tip)
4. negating vector $\vec{v} \mapsto \vec{v}$
5. scalar multiplication $s \cdot \vec{v} \mapsto \vec{v}$



Components of Vectors

every vector has unique representative line segment with tail at origin

↳ given that vector from origin, head coords determine the vector ie $\langle x, y \rangle$

vector $s \xrightarrow{t}$ has components $t-s = \langle x, y \rangle$

Algebraic Operations (in 3-space!)

1) Magnitude

$$\vec{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$$

$$|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2} \quad \text{= distance formula}$$

2) Addition

$$\vec{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle \quad \vec{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \langle u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, u_3 + v_3 \rangle$$

3) Subtraction

~ (also component-wise)
(same as addition)~

4) Negation

$$\vec{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$$

$$-\vec{u} = \langle -u_1, -u_2, -u_3 \rangle$$

5) Scalar Multiplication

$$c \in \mathbb{R} \quad \vec{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$$

$$c\vec{u} = \langle cu_1, cu_2, cu_3 \rangle$$

Properties of Vector Operations

Let $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ & $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

1) $(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w} = \vec{u} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w})$ (associativity)

2) $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u}$ (commutativity)

3) $\vec{0} + \vec{v} = \vec{v}$ (identity)

4) $\vec{u} + (-\vec{u}) = \vec{0}$ (negatives exist)

5) $a(b\vec{u}) = ab(\vec{u})$

6) $a(\vec{u}) + b(\vec{u}) = (a+b)\vec{u}$

7) $a(\vec{u}) + a(\vec{v}) = a(\vec{u} + \vec{v})$

8) $1(\vec{u}) = \vec{u}$ and $0\vec{u} = \vec{0}$

Direction

Property of magnitude $c \in \mathbb{R} \quad \vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$|c\vec{u}| = |c| \cdot |\vec{u}|$$

Def: direction of \vec{u} = associated unit vector (v with length 1)
= $\frac{1}{|\vec{u}|} \cdot \vec{u}$ when $\vec{u} \neq \vec{0}$

Claim $\frac{1}{|\vec{u}|} \vec{u}$ is unit vector

$$= \left| \frac{1}{|\vec{u}|} \vec{u} \right| = \frac{1}{|\vec{u}|} |\vec{u}| = 1$$

Component Vectors

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \vec{i} = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle \\ \vec{j} = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle \\ \vec{k} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle \end{array} \right\} \text{standard basis for } \mathbb{R}^3$$